



Friday Night Facts

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
James F. Huston, Executive Director

August 5th, 2011

Message from the Executive Director:

Suzette Foster was a great leader and helped shape and share the message of Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers. I know you will join me in keeping her family and the multitude of friends and lives she touched, uppermost in your thoughts and prayers.

Suzette led the publication of Friday Night Facts. It is one of the key communications vehicles the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives uses to reach out to the faith, non-for-profit, philanthropic and community organizations throughout the Hoosier state. That tradition will continue as we share the OFBCI mission, the good works we stand by, and the opportunities for service to the state of Indiana throughout state government.

Even as Indiana has lead the nation in job creation and opportunity, there is more to do. OFBCI remains committed to the proposition that the faith community and its collective good works should remain an integral component for solving community wide problems, that service and volunteerism should be lifted up as examples of Hoosiers giving back some of the blessings they have been given, and that working together, our best days are yet to come.

As the new Executive Director of OFBCI, I look forward to getting to know and work with you.

- Jim Huston



Dedication:



The OFBCI Staff would like to dedicate this issue of Friday Night Facts to Suzette Foster, our Marketing Director, who passed away on August 1st 2011. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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Opportunities:

**Wednesday,
August 17, 1pm –
4pm CT University
of Southern
Indiana Health
Profession
Building, Room
1006
8600 University**

Commissioner of the Month:

Aleeah Livengood, ICCSV Chair, Mulberry, Indiana

Learn about Aleeah's most meaningful volunteer opportunity:

I have had many opportunities to volunteer, however one of the most meaningful took me to the Red Lake Reservation in Red Lake, MN. In 2005 there had been a shooting at the Red Lake High School where 10 people were killed and 7 injured. As in many troubled communities, these types of tragedies are usually built on a personal sense of hopelessness. When I heard about this incident, I had a great desire to visit the community to see what I could do to help. One year later as a student, I accompanied Purdue's Earth and Atmospheric Sciences department to the Red Lake Nation and spoke on the importance of post-secondary education for Native people. The Red Lake National and Purdue University have been partners ever since. Many personal relationships developed through that connection, and continue to the present. I have seen many of the students that I mentored graduate college and pursue careers. Happily, they aren't leaving their community; they are staying to give hope to their peers and the next generation.

The words she associates with volunteerism are: healing, compassion, joyful, gratitude, thoughtful, kindness, community, strength, love, unity, one.

2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism Update:

Thank you to everyone that submitted a nomination for the 2011 Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism! With so many wonderful candidates, the judges will have their work cut out for them. We are pleased to announce that the First Lady Cheri Daniels will be joining us in welcoming our attendees to the conference! For more information about the conference and registration updates [click here](#)



Fiscal Fact:

Record retention is one of the most important topics concerning an audit and guess what? It's okay to write on receipts! In fact, you should copy all receipts and note the date of the purchase as well as the date of the event for which the purchase will be used, the purpose for the purchase, and who made the purchase. Detailing the fund/account the receipt is tied to is even better and will make the audit process much easier for the person preparing for it and the person completing it.

[The OMB Circulars are a great fiscal resource](#)

AmeriCorps Indiana:

Boulevard, WA
104, Evansville IN
47712

Thursday, August 18
10am – 1pm
EST

New Albany –
Floyd County
Public Library
180 West Spring
St, New Albany, IN
47150

**Wednesday
August 24**

1pm – 4pm CT
American Red
Cross of
Northwestern
Indiana
791 East 83rd Ave,
Merrillville IN
46410

Thursday, August 25
10am – 1pm
EST

The Logan Center
2505 E. Jefferson
Blvd, South Bend,
IN 46615

Friday, August 26

10am – 1pm EST
Allen County
Public Library
900 Library Plaza,
Fort Wayne, IN
46802

**Wednesday
August 31**

10am – 1pm EST
Indiana
Government
Center South, TBD
302 West
Washington Street,
Indianapolis, IN
46204

Thurs. September 1

10am – 1pm EST
Kokomo – Howard
County Public
Library
220 North Union
Street, Kokomo IN
46901



On July 27th and 28th the OFBCI hosted a training event that kicked off the 2011-12 AmeriCorps Program Year. The annual orientation took place at the Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis. About 25 people were in attendance which included most AmeriCorps State Program Directors in Indiana. For the 2011-12 Program Year, we will have three planning grants and one new program. The orientation allowed for Program Directors to get together, share resources, receive new updates from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

AmeriCorps State Grants:

Is your organization interested in applying for an AmeriCorps*State Grant? The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will be hosting Public Interest Sessions across Indiana in preparation for the release of the 2012-2013 Request For Proposals. Join us at one of the locations listed under **AmeriCorps Grant Opportunities**

Indiana's AmeriCorps programs are now recruiting participants for the 2011-2012 program year. You can learn more about available service opportunities by referring to the AmeriCorps [website](#). To find out what AmeriCorps is doing in your own community visit OFBCI's [website](#)

Inclusion Infusion:

Any Nonprofit that could be considered a "place of public accommodation" falls under Title III of the American's with Disabilities Act. Why is this important? This includes child care centers, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, food banks, adoption agencies, offices providing legal services, hospitals, theatres, museums, parks, zoos, private schools (non-religious), and a number of other organizations. Disability is an element of diversity. People with and without disabilities can learn from each other and broaden their horizons and experiences when they participate in activities, volunteer, and live or work together. In doing so, they come to respect and celebrate their differences. [Questions about the ADA and your organization?](#)

COAD program takes shape:

Contact [Derek Trovillion](#) for more information

As part of a comprehensive disaster housing plan, OFBCI is seeking local organizations willing to participate in a program to create and build up networks of support for ongoing preparation as well as better-trained response and recovery.

The program focuses on building up the concept of Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD). By definition, a COAD is a network of local stakeholders working together because they share concern about disasters from preparation to recovery. Driven by coordination between nonprofits and emergency managers, COADs that are working amongst neighboring counties, or those that are willing to do so, are eligible for grant funds because of the importance of carrying out these

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News That is Useful to You:

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key objectives:

1. Identification of local resources and potential hazards (Ex. 1: Location of a particular shelter. Ex. 2: Location of a river that routinely floods)
2. Identification of local social capital (Ex. Roster of local CERT members)
3. Creation (or in some cases, revision) of a local disaster plan (accounting for county to county mutual aid as well as updated information on resources, hazards, and social capital)
4. Table-top exercise of disaster plans, to solidify understanding of local resources and coordination of local VOADs

[Read more about OFBCI, disaster preparedness, and COADs](#)

